

**Amendments to the Specification**

*After the title of the present application on page 1 and before the section heading "TECHNICAL FIELD" please insert the following section heading and paragraph:*

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

The present application is based on, and claims priority from, International Application No. PCT/JP04/00178, filed on January 14, 2004, titled COVERED CONTAINER, which is incorporated herein by reference.